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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Roberts Charles TONKS, Philip Anthony MANSFIELD  
and Leslie Richard HARPER

# 6  
3/2/98

Application No.: NEW U.S. NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Filed: April 25, 1996

Docket No.: JAO 38195

For: VTOL AIRCRAFT NOZZLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

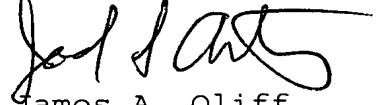
Claim 1, line 7, delete "are" (second occurrence).

Claim 11, lines 1-2, change "any preceding claim" to  
--claim 1--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. This Preliminary Amendment  
eliminates the multiple dependent claim and conforms the claims  
to U.S. practice. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits  
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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